

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELSA GULINO, MAYLING RALPH, PETER WILDS,
and NIA GREENE, on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Defendant.

96 Civ. 8414 (KMW)

WHEREAS, the Court certified a remedy-phase class of Plaintiffs (*See Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, No. 96-cv-8414, [ECF No. 386]), and Mercedes Ponce is a member of that class;

WHEREAS, the Court appointed a Special Master (*See* May 20, 2014 Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 435]; November 12, 2014 Second Amended Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 524]) to hear, among other things, demands for damages;

WHEREAS, the Special Master held a hearing on October 26, 2023, with respect to Mercedes Ponce's demand for damages and Defendant's objections, [ECF No. 10963];

WHEREAS, the Special Master made, and the Court adopted, Classwide Conclusions of Law, [ECF Nos. 999, 1008];

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York (“BOE”) and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, a Stipulation of Classwide Facts & Procedures, [ECF No. 1009];

WHEREAS, the BOE and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, an Eighth Supplemental Stipulation Concerning Admissibility of Exhibits, which attached an Eighth Supplemental Index of Exhibits (collectively referred to as the “Classwide Exhibits”) filed with the Court, [ECF No. 11288];

WHEREAS, the Special Master made Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Mercedes Ponce which the Plaintiffs and the BOE agree to, annexed hereto as Exhibit 1, that the Special Master recommends the Court adopt:

WHEREAS, the Special Master recommended, and the parties agreed with the Special Master's recommendation, that the Court certify this judgment as final pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b); and

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and BOE have agreed not to appeal this final judgment for Mercedes Ponce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the annexed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Mercedes Ponce (Exhibit 1) is adopted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Mercedes Ponce will have judgment against the BOE in the amount of \$920,954, consisting of:

1. Backpay in the amount of \$715,488;
2. Tax-component award in the amount of \$84,070;
3. LAST Fees in the amount of \$677;
4. ASAFAF account award in the amount of \$833;
5. CAR Award in the amount of \$14,652;
6. Pre-judgment interest calculated to be \$105,234; and
7. Pension-related relief pursuant to the terms of the Court's Order dated December 17, 2018 (Pension Stipulation & Order, [ECF No. 1014]).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Mercedes Ponce will be entitled to the following non-monetary relief:

1. The BOE is ordered to amend its internal service, salary, payroll, and human resources systems as follows:
 - a. Incorporate the "Pension Inputs" detailed in Paragraph 3(c) of Exhibit 1;
 - b. Incorporate Mercedes Ponce's counterfactual monthly service history, as listed on Exhibit B to the Findings and Fact and Conclusions of Law for Mercedes Ponce; and
 - c. Grant Mercedes Ponce retroactive seniority based on their counterfactual monthly service history, as described in Paragraph 3 of Exhibit 1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Court adopts the Special Master's recommendation that this judgment be certified as final pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b) and expressly determines that there is no just reason for delay for the reasons stated in the Special Master's Report and Recommendation.

This Judgment Entry is certified and entered the Court pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure.

Dated: 8/15/24

ENTERED

/s/ Kimba M. Wood